

SENATOR DWORAK: What were the conclusions of that study that cost us \$25,000 last year? What did that study tell us?

SENATOR KREMER: There were several recommendations, among them was one that perhaps wholesale and retail should be separated.

SENATOR DWORAK: Have we taken steps to separate wholesale and retail after we spent \$25,000 for that study last year?

SENATOR KREMER: No, Sir, that thing is still hanging on a nail on the wall and this is why we need to proceed now and take a further look at what can happen and ought to be done.

SENATOR DWORAK: Did that study suggest that additional studies were necessary?

SENATOR KREMER: My opinion was yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: Did the people that received that money for that study last year, will they be the same people that will study this year?

SENATOR KREMER: My answer at this point would be that nobody knows. They could be and they may not be. It depends if a proposal is written, who would be the consultant if you want to call it that, would be the one who would be chosen. It could be anyone.

SENATOR DWORAK: Has the committee considered any consultant for this new study?

SENATOR KREMER: No, Sir, we've gone so far as to visit with Mr. Kubik, related to the Legislature and ask him if he would be available to the committee as a frontman, if he would be willing to separate himself from his own company. By virtue of the fact that it would be a conflict of interest if he did not and he would just be our man to be used to write a proposal. We don't know if this will come to pass. We just talked about it.

SENATOR DWORAK: Have you talked with anybody else?

SENATOR KREMER: No, Sir, we've not gone that far.

SENATOR DWORAK: Was Mr. Kubik involved with the study last year?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, Sir, he was; his company was.

SENATOR DWORAK: Has Mr. Kubik agreed to the proposition the committee proposed to him?

SENATOR KREMER: You mean on this study?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR DWORAK: What kind of money are we talking about this year, Senator Kremer, on this study?